

Appl. No. 10/720,117
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-17 and the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants are making every effort to amend the claims to place all of the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present patent application is most respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

The Examiner indicates that claims 6, 9, 18, 19 and 20 of the present patent application are objected to for the reasons listed on page 2 of the present Office Action.

Regarding the objections on the formal matters, Applicants have amended claims 6, 9, 18 and 19 as suggested in the Official Action. Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants most respectfully submit the references of record as discussed in the specification listed on the attached Form 1449 and most respectfully request acknowledgment in the next Official Action that these references have been considered and made of record.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

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